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THE TEXAS ELECTION.

The lane has had a sudden turn and the Republican enthusiasm is being spilled along the road side as a result of the sudden turning. The enthusiasm which prevailed for Hughes following his nomination has been on the wane since he began searching for an issue and found none and since he began resorting to the common tactics of the ward politician of attacking all opposite party had done without offering any relief.

Following close upon the heels of a statement from the Texas Republican chairman that the Lone Star state might cast its ballots for Hughes comes the nomination of Culberson by an unprecedented vote. Senator Culberson was in Washington all during the campaign and the victory won for him was a Wilson victory, there is no other way to classify it. Candidate Colquitt had a vast following. He won in the first primary over his closest opponent by more than thirty thousand votes. He had this immense following coupled with those who are not in sympathy with the second primary and coupled with the German-American vote and all others who are opposed to the Democratic administration.

This election is seen to be a greater victory when it is known that Colquitt who has been honored by Texans and whose name is known in every household was in the state and put his own personality into the campaign and challenged his opponent to come to Texas and to make as many as six speeches. The result is but a straw which shows the direction



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 TWO COUNTRIES AS SOON AS
 WAR IS OVER — WILL COST
 16,000,000 POUNDS.

Paris, Aug. 27.—France has taken all the necessary steps to enter into negotiations with England to build jointly a tunnel under the English channel to connect the two countries, the long talked of project which the war has revived because it has demonstrated as nothing else could the value of the tube to both countries.

Had the tunnel been in existence during the present conflict it would have been of immeasurable value to England and France for the transportation of troops and supplies and would have liberated French and British war vessels from one of their biggest tasks.

The plans were outlined by M. Sartiaux, chief engineer of the Nord Railway company, who is one of the strongest advocates of the project. He said:

"The tunnel will cost 16,000,000 pounds, half of which would be borne by England and half by France. Each country would bore one-half of the tunnel. Well, Britain is spending just now 6,000,000 pounds per day and France 4,000,000 pounds, so that two days' war-time expenditure of both countries would more than cover the cost of making the tunnel."

"It is proposed to make two tunnels, one for traffic from France to England, another for traffic from England to France. Some people seem to think a cross-channel tunnel might be a danger, because it might fall into the hands of the enemy. To capture the French end would not be an easy task. The mouth of the tunnel on French soil would be ten miles from the coast, and in order to reach it the enemy would have to capture Calais, and negotiate three intervening hills of an average height of 150 feet."

"The tunnel on the French side would begin its journey under sea at Sangatte. In my belief it would be impossible for an enemy to reach the mouth of the tunnel and get at the electric plant. The motive power could be instantly suppressed and the tunnel immediately rendered useless by filling it with poisonous gas."

"One can hardly exaggerate the services the tunnel would have rendered to England and France had it been in existence when hostilities broke out. During the twenty hours of daily use (for four hours must be deducted out of the twenty-four for upkeep and repairs, etc.) between 100 and 120 trains could have been sent in each direction."

"At 500 tons per train that represents 50,000 to 60,000 tons a day each way, much more than is necessary."

Apart from the diminution in delay, risks, losses, and difficulties of every nature, the British fleet would have been liberated from one of the heaviest parts of its task and free to serve the cause of the allies in other directions."

from which the wind is blowing. It is an indication of the high esteem in which Democratic policies are held by the people. It points clearly to the election of Woodrow Wilson in November. It means that Republicans who are saddened by the defeat of Colquitt will be even sadder over the returns in November from all over the country.

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MILITARY TRAINING STRAW VOTE

BIG PAPERS TAKE VOTE ON
 MILITARY TRAINING SHOWS A
 GREAT MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF
 THE PLAN.

The movement in favor of universal military training and service is growing rapidly throughout the country, according to reports received by the National Security League.

A year and a half ago there was practically no expression of public sentiment on the subject of universal service. The first discussion of the subject by a body of assembled delegates occurred at the national defense congress of the National Security League, held in Chicago November 27, 1915. At that time, however, action was deferred because it was thought the public was not then sufficiently familiar with the idea to insure its receiving the consideration its importance warranted.

After a thorough study of the question, especially with reference to its application to our democratic form of government, a special committee of the league, to which it had been referred, recommended it strongly, and a resolution approving the principle was unanimously adopted at the National Security Congress last January.

The growth of the sentiment for universal service has since that time been demonstrated by the number and character of expressions favorable to it which have come from all parts of the country. The introduction of a universal service bill in congress by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, and a nation-wide discussion, disclosing the democratic spirit of such a system, attracted attention to its merits as the basic foundation of national defense, and a recognition of the necessity for its adoption. This necessity has been emphasized by the experience of the militia call to the Mexican border which has disclosed the inequality and unfairness of a system that imposes all the burden upon the few who had voluntarily qualified themselves for service.

A striking feature disclosed in the educational campaign on this subject is that the real opposition to obligatory training and service is very limited. It has been shown that wherever serious thought has been given to the subject sentiment is generally favorable to the principle. A positive expression of opinion is often held in reserve on account of a lack of thorough understanding of the principle of universal service, but expressions of disapproval are rare.

Since the adoption of the resolution favoring universal service at the National Security Congress in Washington, several other conventions have adopted similar resolutions at the instance of the league.

Every canvass or referendum vote has shown a strong sentiment in favor of universal service and training. The vote by which the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, with its membership of 300,000 business men, endorsed such a system was at the ratio of 88 for to 56 against.

The resolution of the Merchants' Association of New York adopted at their meeting in May of this year recommended military training of the entire male population physically able to bear arms, such training to be during the non-productive period of their lives before they have taken up their profession, business or vocation.

The Chicago school board, without a dissenting vote, adopted a resolution making the rudiments of military training a part of the curriculum of the high schools.

During the convention of the National Education Association held recently in New York, the National Security League submitted a resolution urging that "a system of universal physical training, as nearly as practicable similar to the system in vogue in Switzerland, to be introduced in the elementary schools of the United States and that instruction in the rudiments of military drill be established in the high schools and colleges." While the National Education association did not accept this suggestion in its entirety, it adopted a resolution saying: "While it recognizes that the community or the state may introduce such elements of military training into the schools as may seem wise and prudent, yet it believes that such training should be strictly educational in its aim and organization, and that military ends should not be permitted to pervert the educational purposes and practices of the schools."

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